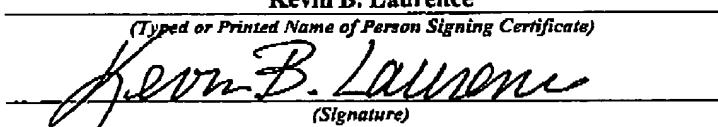


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Invention: LOCKING COMPRESSION PLATE ANASTOMOSIS APPARATUS

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of August 23, 2005 in the above-identified application.

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

One month Two months Three months Four months Five months

from: November 23, 2006 Date until: February 23, 2006 Date

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

The fee for the amendment and extension of time has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED					
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	<u>53</u> -	57 =	0	x \$25.00	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	<u>10</u> -	10 =	0	x \$100.00	\$0.00
FEE FOR AMENDMENT					\$0.00
FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME					\$510.00
TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME					\$510.00

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The fee for the amendment and extension of time is to be paid as follows:

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- Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
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If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-2375

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